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TROUBLE IN PARADISE
PART ONE: "NO REST FOR THE WEARY"
YOU CAN PUT DOWN THE WINDSHIELD DOME IF YOU WANT!
BUNNIE D'COOLETTE THE RABBOT
MILES "TAILS" PROWER YOUNG GENIUS
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE SOLDIER'S SON
N-NO, THAT IS OKAY. THIS IS ≷ULP!≷ THRILLING.
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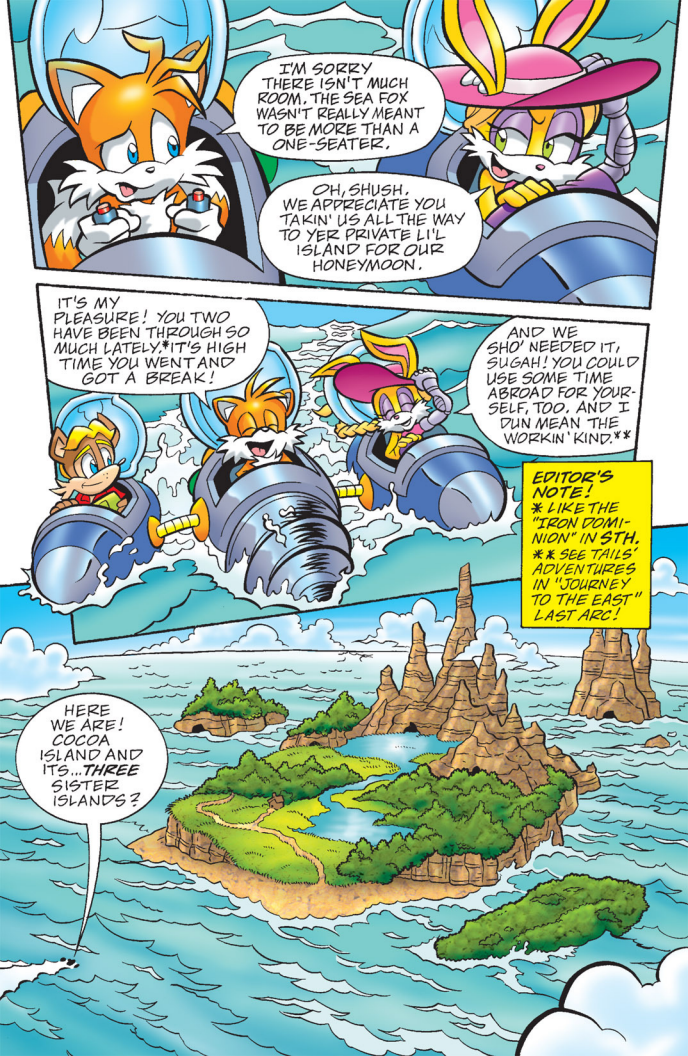
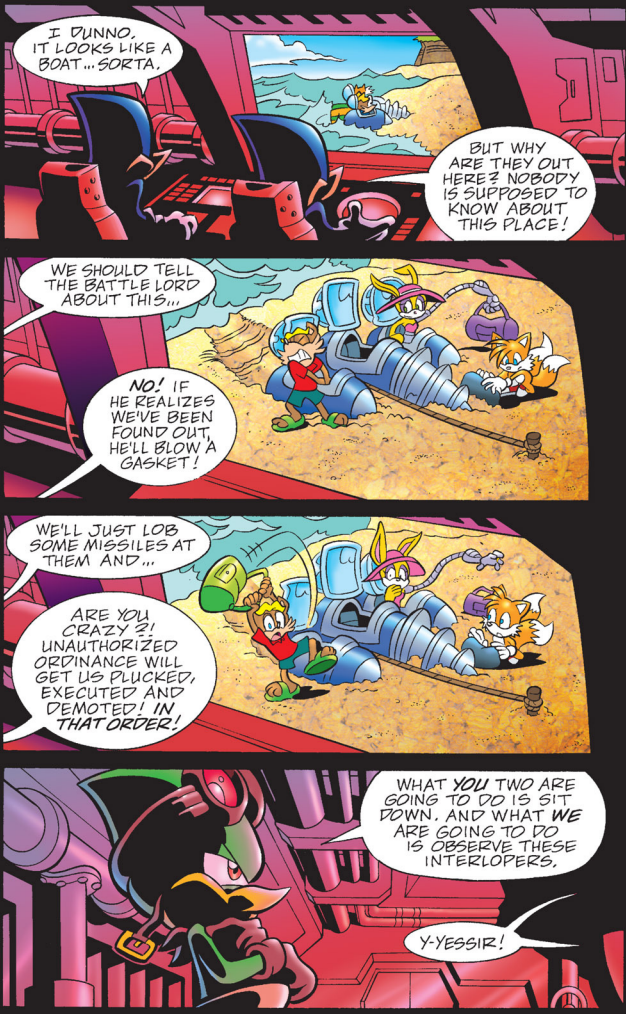
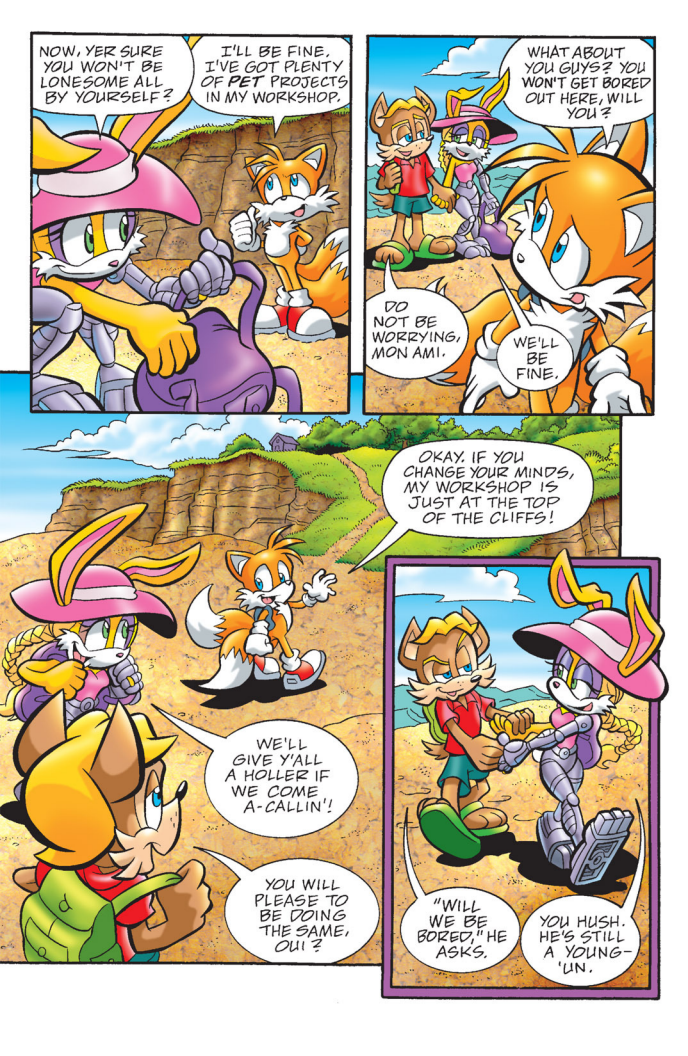
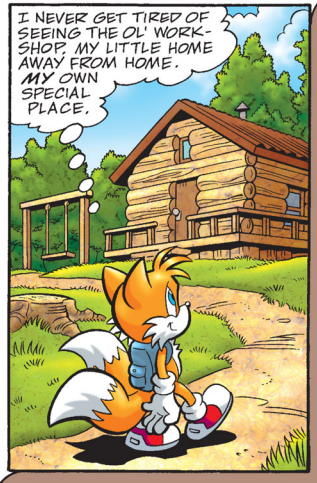
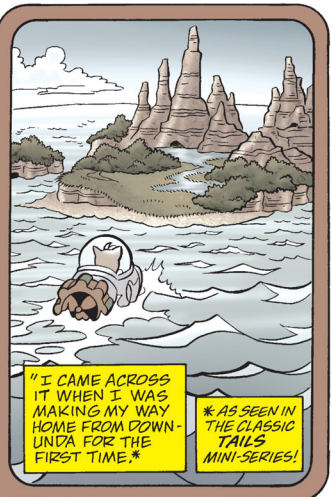

I'M SORRY THERE ISN'T MUCH ROOM, THE SEA FOX WASN'T REALLY MEANT TO BE MORE THAN A ONE-SEATER.
OH, SHUSH. WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKIN' US ALL THE WAY TO YER PRIVATE LI'L ISLAND FOR OUR HONEYMOON.
IT'S MY PLEASURE! YOU TWO HAVE BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH LATELY,* IT'S HIGH TIME YOU WENT AND GOT A BREAK!
AND WE SHO' NEEDED IT, SUGAH! YOU COULD USE SOME TIME ABROAD FOR YOURSELF, TOO. AND I DUN MEAN THE WORKIN' KIND.**
EDITOR'S NOTE!
* LIKE THE "IRON DOMINION" IN STH.
** SEE TAILS' ADVENTURES IN "JOURNEY TO THE EAST" LAST ARC!
HERE WE ARE! COCOA ISLAND AND IT'S...THREE SISTER ISLANDS?

THERE A PROBLEM, HON?
I DON'T THINK SO. IT'S JUST THAT I ONLY REMEMBER THERE BEING TWO SMALLER ISLANDS. THE THIRD ONE ISN'T ON MY MAP!
Ah, BUT WHERE DID YOU GET ZE MAP?
I MADE IT MYSELF. NOBODY ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS PLACE!
ZEN PERHAPS YOU HAD NOT GOTTEN TO EET YET?
BUT TO MISS A WHOLE OTHER ISLAND...? I GUESS I WAS TOO FOCUSED ON COCOA ISLAND ITSELF!
OH WELL, I'LL LAND US ON THE BEACH UP AHEAD.
SOUNDS GOOD!
OUI, THAT IS SOUNDING VERY, VERY GOOD TO ME RIGHT NOW.
"WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?"


I DUNNO, IT LOOKS LIKE A BOAT... SORTA.
BUT WHY ARE THEY OUT HERE? NOBODY IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE!
WE SHOULD TELL THE BATTLE LORD ABOUT THIS...
NO! IF HE REALIZES WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT, HE'LL BLOW A GASKET!
WE'LL JUST LOB SOME MISSILES AT THEM AND...
ARE YOU CRAZY? UNAUTHORIZED ORDINANCE WILL GET US PLUCKED, EXECUTED AND DEMOTED! IN THAT ORDER!
WHAT YOU TWO ARE GOING TO DO IS SIT DOWN. AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IS OBSERVE THESE INTERLOPERS.
Y-YESSIR!


NOW, YER SURE YOU WON'T BE LONESOME ALL BY YOURSELF?
I'LL BE FINE. I'VE GOT PLENTY OF PET PROJECTS IN MY WORKSHOP.
WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS? YOU WON'T GET BORED OUT HERE, WILL YOU?
DO NOT BE WORRYING, MON AMI.
WE'LL BE FINE.
OKAY. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MINDS, MY WORKSHOP IS JUST AT THE TOP OF THE CLIFFS!
WE'LL GIVE Y'ALL A HOLLER IF WE COME A-CALLIN'!
YOU WILL PLEASE TO BE DOING THE SAME, OUI?
"WILL WE BE BORED," HE ASKS.
YOU HUSH. HE'S STILL A YOUNG-'UN.


I NEVER GET TIRED OF SEEING THE OL' WORK-SHOP. MY LITTLE HOME AWAY FROM HOME. MY OWN SPECIAL PLACE.

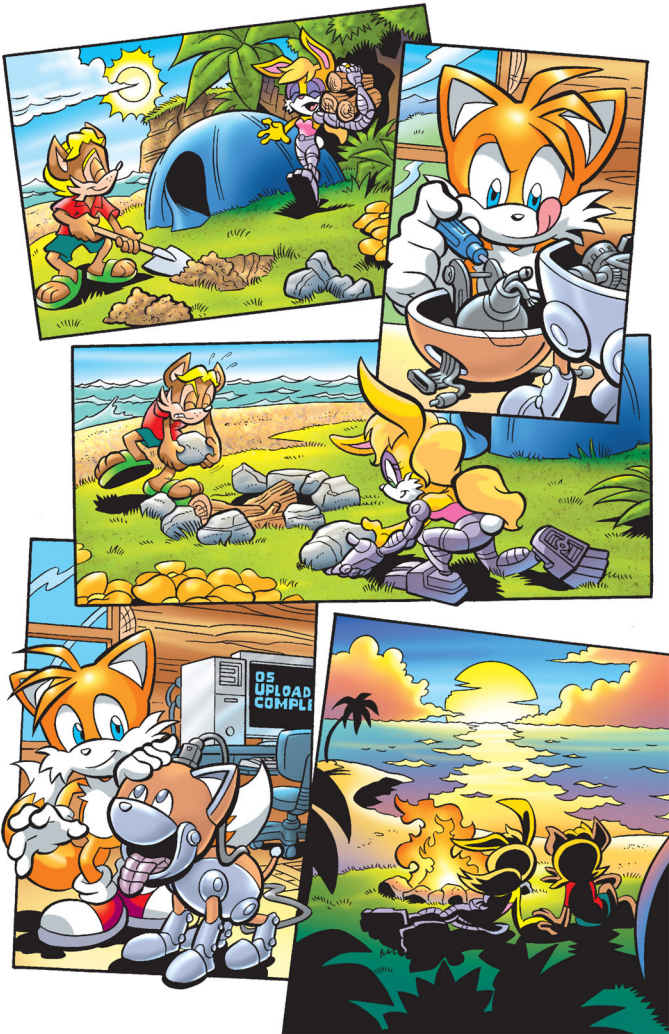

"I CAME ACROSS IT WHEN I WAS MAKING MY WAY HOME FROM DOWN-UNDA FOR THE FIRST TIME.*
*AS SEEN IN THE CLASSIC TAILS MINI-SERIES!

"I TOOK A LOT OF TIME OFF HERE WHEN IT SEEMED LIKE SONIC HAD DIED. ** GETTING TO KNOW THE ISLAND AND BUILDING MY WORK-SHOP WAS THE ONLY THING THAT HELPED ME THROUGH THAT DARK TIME."
** BACK IN STH #125.

IT USED TO BE MY OWN LITTLE SECRET SINCE I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE ALLOWED TO KEEP IT. BACK THEN, MY FRIENDS WORRIED ABOUT ME BEING OFF ON MY OWN SO MUCH. BUT NOW... I THINK THEY FINALLY SEE ME FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTER THAT I AM.

DID YOU JUST SEE--?!
IT JUST TOOK OFF LIKE--!
IT'S NOT EVEN A BIRD, BUT A--!!
HOW CAN ITS TAILS EVEN DO THAT--?!
HOW--?
WHY--?
I DON'T EVEN--
--CAN'T POSSIBLY--
--EVEN LEGAL?
THE ONLY MOBIANS MEANT TO ENJOY THE SKIES ARE THE BIRDS.

"CONTINUE TO MONITOR THEM. I WILL MEET WITH THE BATTLE LORD."
EZ TENT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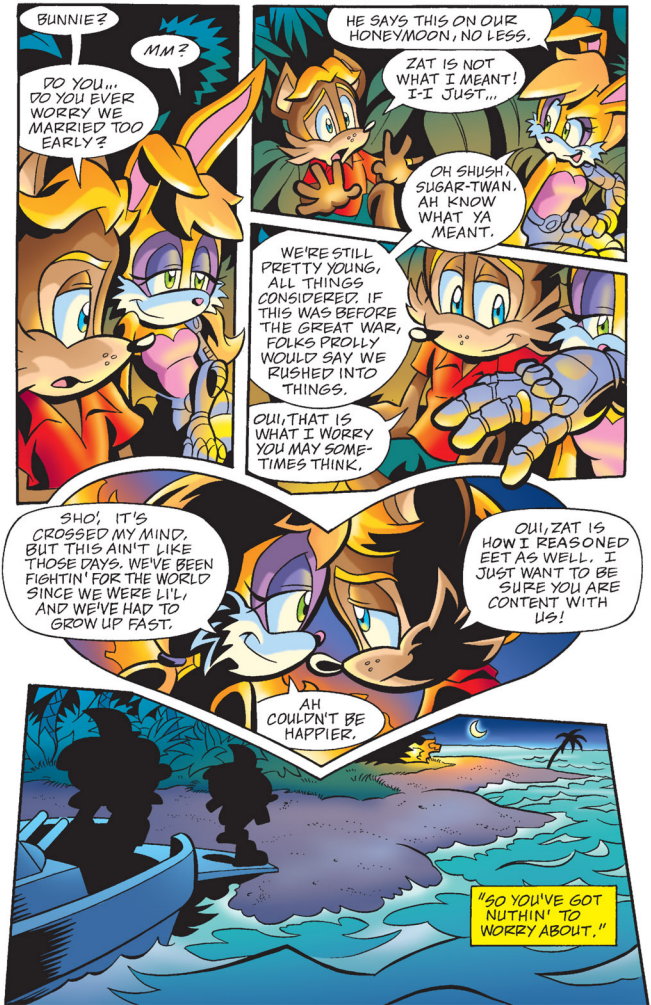
BUNNIE?
MM?
DO YOU,,, DO YOU EVER WORRY WE MARRIED TOO EARLY?
HE SAYS THIS ON OUR HONEYMOON, NO LESS.
ZAT IS NOT WHAT I MEANT! I-I JUST,,,
OH SHUSH, SUGAR-TWAN. AH KNOW WHAT YA MEANT.
WE'RE STILL PRETTY YOUNG, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED. IF THIS WAS BEFORE THE GREAT WAR, FOLKS PROLLY WOULD SAY WE RUSHED INTO THINGS.
OUI, THAT IS WHAT I WORRY YOU MAY SOMETIMES THINK.
SHO', IT'S CROSSED MY MIND, BUT THIS AIN'T LIKE THOSE DAYS. WE'VE BEEN FIGHTIN' FOR THE WORLD SINCE WE WERE LI'L, AND WE'VE HAD TO GROW UP FAST.
OUI, ZAT IS HOW I REASONED EET AS WELL, I JUST WANT TO BE SURE YOU ARE CONTENT WITH US!
AH COULDN'T BE HAPPIER.
"SO YOU'VE GOT NUTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT."

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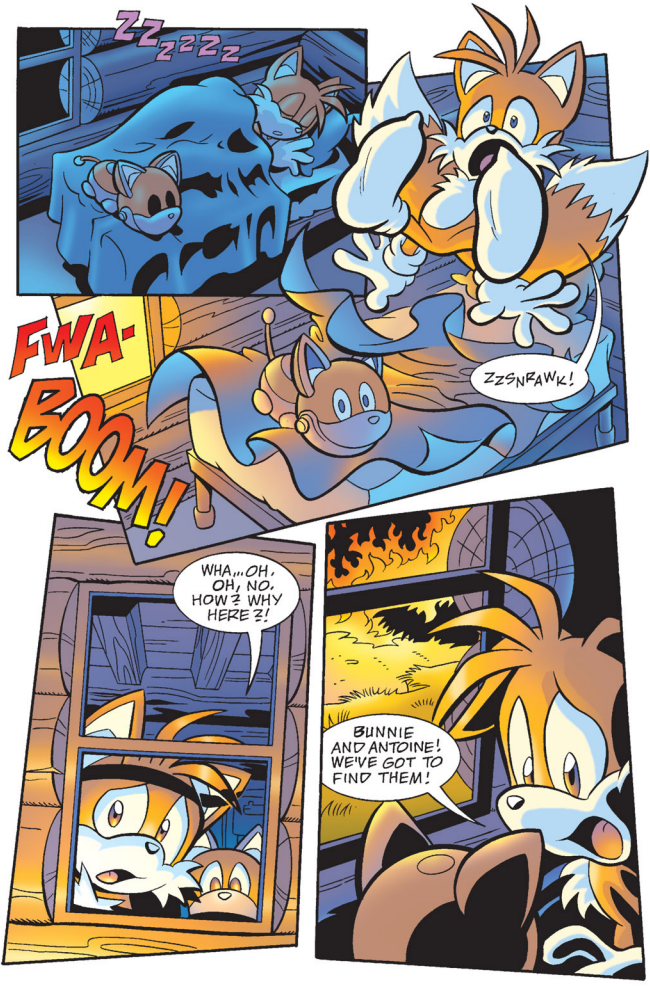
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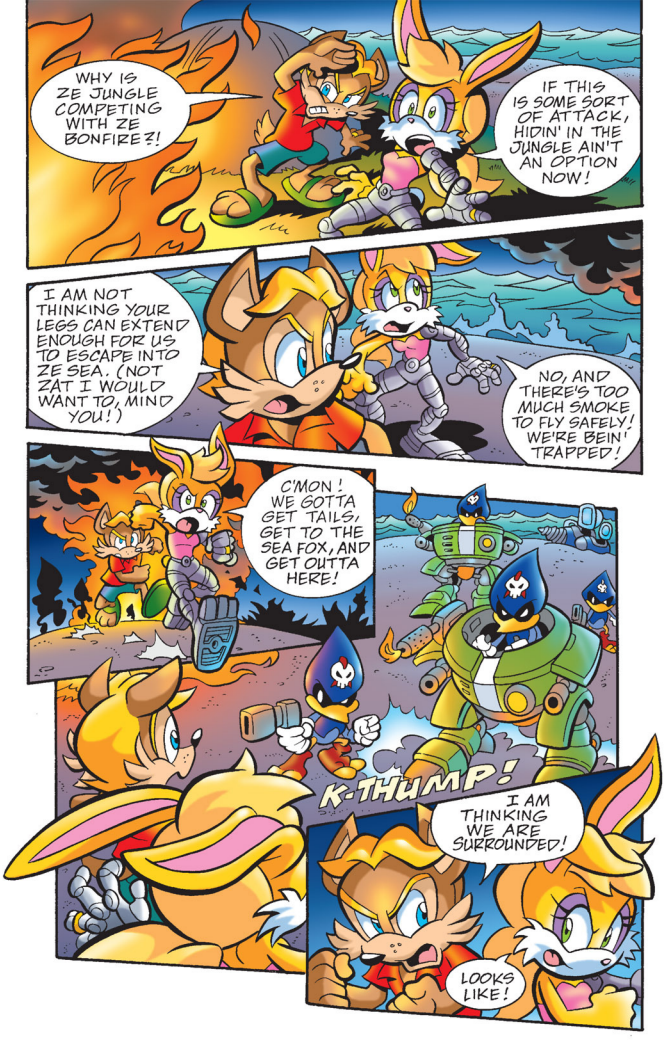
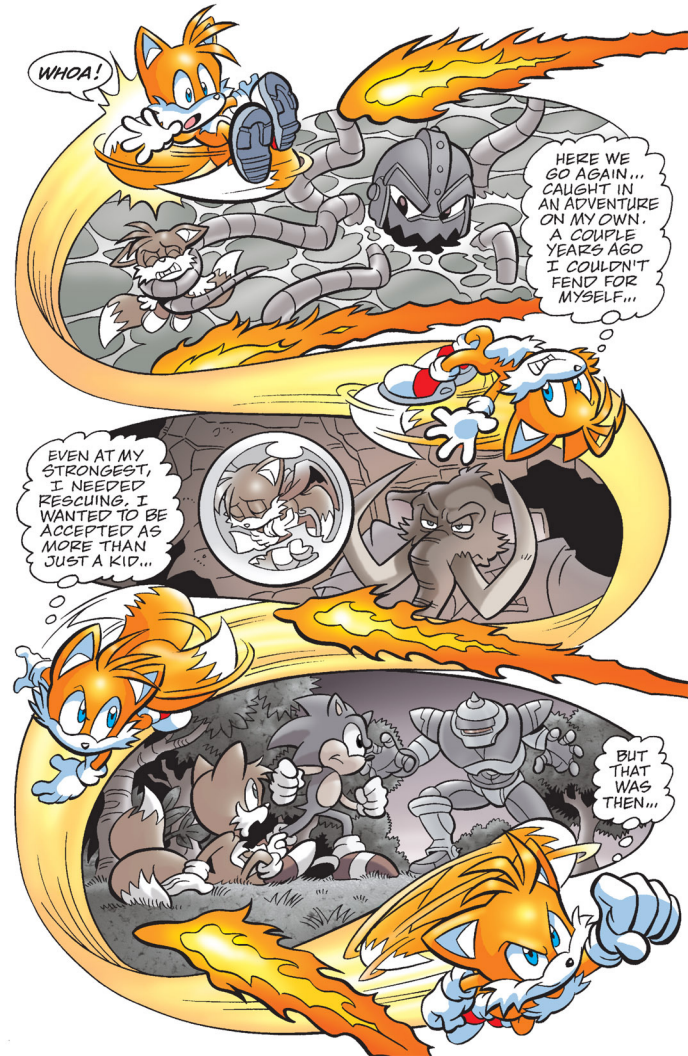
FWA-
BOOM!
WHA... OH, OH, NO. HOW? WHY HERE?!
BUNNIE AND ANTOINE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM!

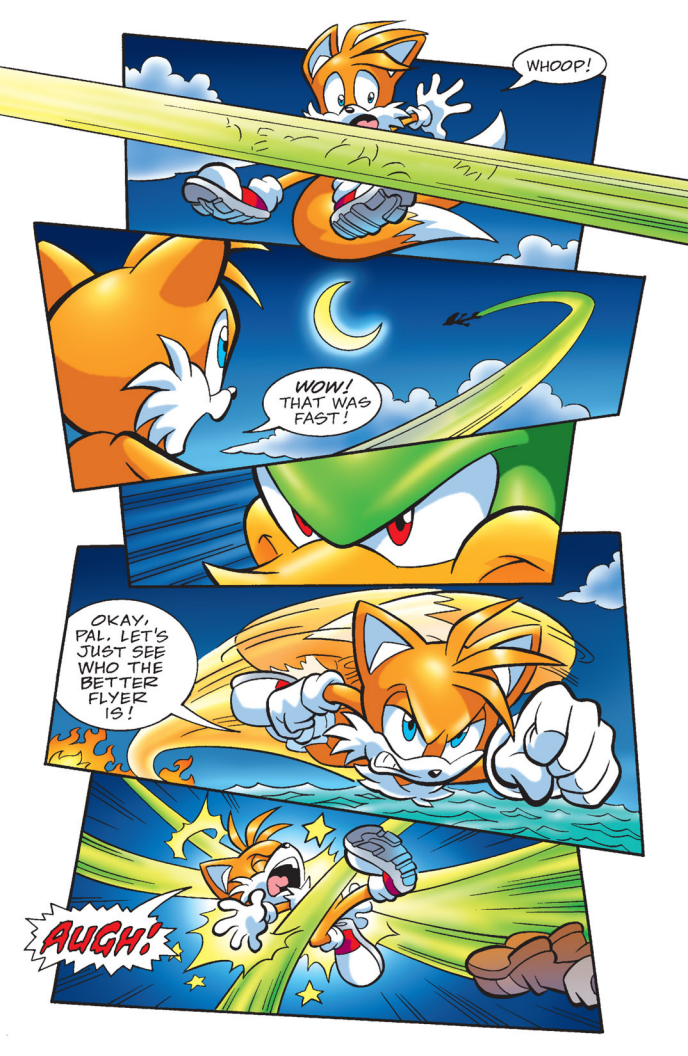

WHY IS ZE JUNGLE COMPETING WITH ZE BONFIREZ!
IF THIS IS SOME SORT OF ATTACK, HIDIN' IN THE JUNGLE AIN'T AN OPTION NOW!
I AM NOT THINKING YOUR LEGS CAN EXTEND ENOUGH FOR US TO ESCAPE INTO ZE SEA. (NOT ZAT I WOULD WANT TO, MIND YOU!)
NO, AND THERE'S TOO MUCH SMOKE TO FLY SAFELY! WE'RE BEIN' TRAPPED!
C'MON! WE GOTTA GET TAILS, GET TO THE SEA FOX, AND GET OUTTA HERE!
K-THUMP!
I AM THINKING WE ARE SURROUNDED!
LOOKS LIKE!

HOW UNFORTUNATE FOR THEM, NON?
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!
ZIS WAS ZE FIRST NIGHT OF OUR HONEY-MOON, YOU IMBECILE! WE ARE ALREADY LATE HAVING EET!
EET WAS STARLIT AND ROMANTIC AND EVERY-THING!
Y'ALL SURE GOT SOME FANCY TECH...
ZAT!
ZAT!
ZAT!
...BUT MINE'S BETTAH!

C'MON, T-PUP! WE'VE GOT TO HELP!
YIP! YIP!
CLICK!
WHIRRRR
FWIP!
FWIP!
FWIP!
THAT'S IT! THIS WAY!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, FREAK.


WHOA!
HERE WE GO AGAIN... CAUGHT IN AN ADVENTURE ON MY OWN. A COUPLE YEARS AGO I COULDN'T FEND FOR MYSELF...
EVEN AT MY STRONGEST, I NEEDED RESCUING. I WANTED TO BE ACCEPTED AS MORE THAN JUST A KID...
BUT THAT WAS THEN...

...AND THIS IS NOW!
HEY!
HE'S--TOO--FAST!
YOUR AIM IS TERRIBLE! DID YOU SET THE JUNGLE ON FIRE BY ACCIDENT? HA HA HA!


WHOOP!
WOW! THAT WAS FAST!
OKAY, PAL, LET'S JUST SEE WHO THE BETTER FLYER IS!
AUGH!

STAND DOWN! DO NOT MAKE ME USE ZIS!
BEHIND YOU, HON!
WHAM!
I AM MISSING MY SABRE!
AND I CAN'T KEEP GOING AT THIS RATE!
WHERE ARE THEY ALL COMIN'--
KER-
--FROM?
THUD!

GET BEHIND ME!
PING
PING
PING
PYOW!
PYOW!
PYOW!
AUGHK!!
SLAM

THE BATTLE FOR THE FATE OF THE ECHIDNAS JUST GOT

CHAOTIC

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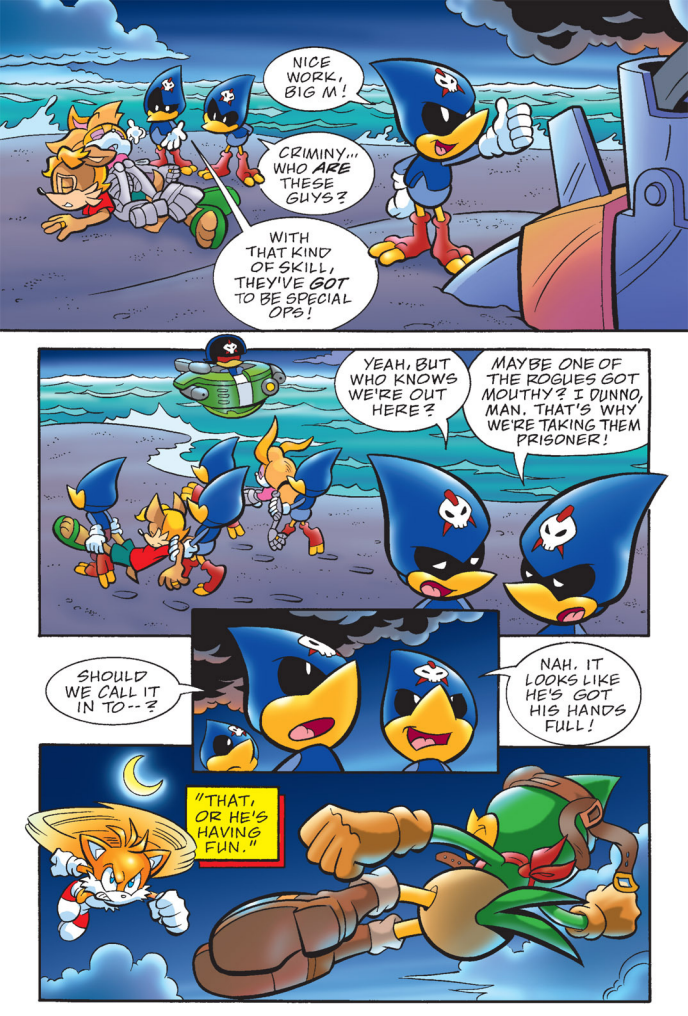
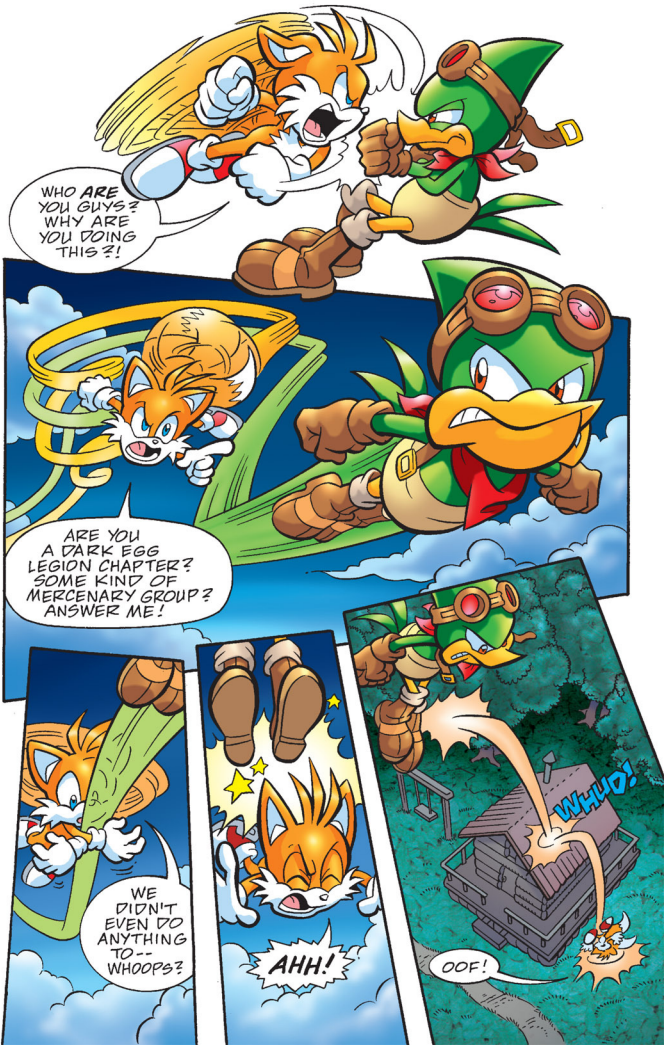

NICE WORK, BIG M!
CRIMINY... WHO ARE THESE GUYS?
WITH THAT KIND OF SKILL, THEY'VE GOT TO BE SPECIAL OPS!
YEAH, BUT WHO KNOWS WE'RE OUT HERE?
MAYBE ONE OF THE ROGUES GOT MOUTHY? I DUNNO, MAN. THAT'S WHY WE'RE TAKING THEM PRISONER!
SHOULD WE CALL IT IN TO--?
NAH. IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT HIS HANDS FULL!
"THAT, OR HE'S HAVING FUN."


WHO ARE YOU GUYS? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
ARE YOU A DARK EGG LEGION CHAPTER? SOME KIND OF MERCENARY GROUP? ANSWER ME!
WE DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING TO-- WHOOPS?
AHH!
WHOA!
OOF!

HERE IS ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!
I AM SPEEDY, THE SIXTEENTH BATTLEKUKKU OF THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA!
AND I AM YOUR END, FREAK!
A NEW VILLAINOUS FORCE FROM THE SHADOWS! A NEW RIVAL FOR TAILS! OUR HEROES IN PERIL ON A REMOTE ISLAND! YOU SIMPLY CANNOT MISS THE NEXT CHAPTER OF "TROUBLE IN PARADISE" NEXT TIME IN SONIC UNIVERSE!

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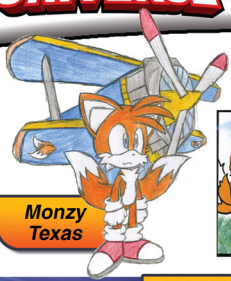

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Texas

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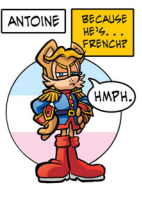

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THE ACTION TURNS **RED HOT**

NEXT ISSUE AS OUR HEROES GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE ARMADA!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 7/27/10!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG: 214

A-WOOOOO

The Wolfpack & the Felidae are at the brink war - & it's up to Sonic & Big to save the day!

"REIGNING CATS & DOGS" part two (of two)

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 7/13/10

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
This is my first time writing to you guys!

What a coincidence! This is our first time writing to you, too!

Hopefully you will print this in the letters column. I've been a Sonic fan since I was four years old and haven't lost interest in Sonic for six years! I have a few questions:

****cracks his knuckles* LET'S DO THIS! WOO!***

1) Will there be a Silver arc in Sonic Universe?

We would be mighty silly to ignore all the fan requests for a Silver arc, wouldn't we?

2) Am I the only one to think of a King Scourge arc?

Nope!

3) Can we see more of Sanford Greene's artwork?

Glad you enjoyed his cover for our sister title, Sonic the Hedgehog, #212! If you want to check some cool Sanford awesomeness, be sure and pick up Sonic Free Comic Book Day 2010! The "Sonic Sketchbook" section we included in that issue features Sanford's original cover sketch for #212! As for new stuff, who knows?

4) Can we see a comic starring Super Sonic, Super Silver, Super Shadow and Super Scourge all at the same time?

Sounds super to me!

...heh...

So long! Peace out! I'll be collecting chaos emeralds in the meantime!

Eric G.
from California

Thanks for the letter, Eric! Keep on writing in!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
I LOVED "Journey to the East," and I also loved that Espio was in it! Now let's get to the questions part:

1) Why and how did Espio betray the Chaotix?

Espio went on a little "betrayal spree" from Sonic the Hedgehog #201-#211! Pick up a Sonic 2009 Collector's Set at Archiecomics.com today and get the full scoop!

2) It says that Monkey Khan is a cyborg, but I don't see any robotic body parts. What gives?

Ken "Monkey" Khan has something in common with a certain governor/ terminator: both have cybernetics underneath a layer of extremely believable skin/ fur. Believe you me, on the inside, that monkey's all metal!

Well I hope this letter gets printed in the comics. So I guess I'll see ya!

Trent J.
from Virginia

Thanks Trent!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe',
I'm Sonic's #4 fan! I've got some questions!

1) What's an Echidna?

Echidnas (to put it simply) are egg-laying spiny Ant-eaters.

2) You guys should do a Rouge arc!

Maybe!

3) Where is Cream the Rabbit?

Waiting to make her debut in the near future!

4) Where are Big's parents?

Fishing, maybe?

5) You guys are awesome!

Yes we are!

Thanks a bunch!
The blue blur's #4 fan,
Cariane C.
from ON, CANADA

Thanks a bunch, Cariane!

See you back here next month, and remember to tell us how you're likin' the Tails Adventure!

IT'S YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE!

We want <u>your</u> input! Write & tell us what you're likin', lovin', or what's leaving you in the dust! Remember, include "My Sonic Universe" in the subject line on your letter or e-mail! It's your Sonic Universe, after all, so drop us a line!